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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Herman Koch et al.
Title: FABRICATION OF ZINC OXIDE FILMS ON NON-PLANAR SUBSTRATES AND THE USE THEREOF
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on August 15, 2002, the period for reply extending to January 15, 2003 by virtue of a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for claims 17-18 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a substantially continuous circumferential coating on a non-planar substrate having a length and a width and an exposed external circumferential surface, said method comprising the steps of:
heating the non-planar substrate in a static substrate deposition geometry in a manner such that the exposed external circumferential surface of the non-planar substrate remains exposed to an extent sufficient to form the continuous coating thereon, the exposed external circumferential surface of the non-planar substrate being